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1. ON MAY 28 TWO OFFICIAL GOVERNMENT PAPERS IN TANZANIA
EDITORIALIZED THAT TANZANIA HAS NO RESPONSIBILITY IN THIS
SITUATION BECAUSE THE KIDNAPPERS ARE FROM ZAIRE, AND THE
HOSTAGES ARE BEING HELD ON ZAIRE SOIL. NO WORD HAS BEEN

RECEIVED DIRECTLY FROM THE GOT, HOWEVER, THAT THIS IS ITS POSITION. AMBASSADOR CARTER IN DAR ES SALAAM STATED IN A PRESS CONFERENCE THAT WE ARE IN CONTINUING CONTACT, AND COOPERATING WITH, BOTH THE GOT AND GOZ.

2. MR. HUNTER AND MR. SMITH, FATHERS OF THE TWO AMERICANS STILL BEING HELD BY THE KIDNAPPERS; MRS. SMUTS, MOTHER OF BARBARA SMUTS (THE AMERICAN GIRL WHO WAS RELEASED); AND DR. HAMBURG, COORDINATOR OF THE GOMBE RESEARCH CENTER ON THE STANFORD UNIVERSITY SIDE; SHOULD ALL BE IN DAR ES SALAAM BY NOW.

3. WE ARE EXPLORING IDEA OF INTERMEDIARY WHO CAN ATTEMPT

INITIATE DIALOGUE WITH KIDNAPPERS. AMBASSADOR CARTER HAS PROPOSED USING PETER STEINER, VISITING ECONOMICS PROFESSOR AT UNIVERSITY OF NAIROBI WHO MEMBER OF UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN STAFF. HE IS NOW IN DAR AS INFORMAL REPRESENTATIVE OF FAMILIES OF STUDENTS AND STANFORD UNIVERSITY. AMBASSADOR HINTON IN KINSHASA HAS MADE OTHER SUGGESTIONS, INCLUDING ITALIAN-BORN CATHOLIC BISHOP SINCE 1962 OF UVIRA (DIOCESE ON ZAIRE SIDE OF LAKE TANGANYIKA). WE HAVE RESERVATIONS ABOUT USING A U.S. CITIZEN AND A NUMBER OF QUESTIONS ON WHICH WE ARE SEEKING FURTHER INFORMATION FROM THE FIELD.

4. IN KINSHASA, OUR EMBASSY IS SEEKING GOZ AGREEMENT TO ISSUE A STATEMENT TO BE BROADCAST, EXPRESSING CONCERN FOR WELFARE OF HOSTAGES AND STATING GOZ EXPLORING WITH OTHER GOVTS. WAYS TO SECURE THEIR RELEASE. IN RESPONSE TO PRESS REPORTS FROM DAR THAT USG UNHAPPY WITH ZAIRE INACTION, AMB. CARTER AND DEPT PRESS SPOKESMAN HAVE STATED WE HAVE HAD GOZ'S COOPERATION FROM BEGINNING AND ARE IN CONTINUING CONTACT RE STEPS TO BE TAKEN. INGERSOLL

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